

Nebraska Agri-Facts

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CATTLE ON FEED

Nebraska feedlots, with capacities of 1,000 or more head, contained 2.28 million cattle on feed on December 1, up 5 percent from last year and slightly above 2001.

United States cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.3 million head on December 1, 2003. The inventory was 4 percent above December 1, 2002 but 5 percent below December 1, 2001.

Dear Reader:

Are you one of the thousands of Nebraska farmers, ranchers, ag businesses, or other agriculturists who completed questionnaires this past year? If so, thank you very much. Your cooperation and support are absolutely necessary to produce accurate, unbiased data for making decisions and are greatly appreciated.

Many of you completed census forms in addition to our regular inquiries with the resulting data now nearly ready to publish. Watch for a "first look" at state and national results in early February and complete details by county later in the spring.

Have a happy and prosperous New Year.

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Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings and Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, by Month, State, and United States, 2002-2003

STATE	December 1 Number on Feed ¹			November Placements			November Marketings			November Other Disappearance ²		
	2002	2003	<u>2003</u> <u>2002</u>	2002	2003	<u>2003</u> <u>2002</u>	2002	2003	<u>2003</u> <u>2002</u>	2002	2003	<u>2003</u> <u>2002</u>
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Arizona	295	284	96	32	26	81	24	19	79	3	1	33
California	500	500	100	65	62	95	50	52	104	5	5	100
Colorado	1,070	1,060	99	190	185	97	170	165	97	10	10	100
Idaho	300	310	103	60	64	107	53	47	89	2	2	100
Iowa	350	370	106	80	77	96	63	56	89	2	1	50
Kansas	2,300	2,480	108	420	425	101	395	350	89	25	25	100
Nebraska	2,180	2,280	105	410	410	100	330	260	79	10	10	100
New Mexico	123	121	98	18	22	122	11	17	155	1	2	200
Oklahoma	340	350	103	55	56	102	53	51	96	2	5	250
South Dakota	195	200	103	56	54	96	30	30	100	1	1	100
Texas	2,700	2,840	105	470	440	94	475	410	86	25	30	120
Washington	195	205	105	40	46	115	29	35	121	1	1	100
Other States	350	330	94	81	59	73	48	45	94	3	4	133
U.S.	10,898	11,330	104	1,977	1,926	97	1,731	1,537	89	90	97	108

¹Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

²Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed December 19, 2003.

U.S. Grains Supply and Disappearance Outlook

Crop Year	Supply				Market Year Disappearance ¹				Market Year Ending Stocks	Average Market Price
	Pro- duction	Begin- ning stocks	Im- ports	Total	Domestic		Ex- ports	Total		
					Primary Use ²	Other				
Million Bushels										
\$/bu.										
Corn										
2001/02	9,507	1,899	10	11,416	5,861	2,054	1,905	9,820	1,596	1.97
2002/03	9,008	1,596	14	10,619	5,642	2,298	1,592	9,533	1,086	2.32
2003/04 ³	10,208	1,086	10	11,374	5,700	2,450	1,925	10,075	1,299	2.00-2.40
Soybeans										
2001/02	2,891	248	2	3,141	1,700	169	1,064	2,933	208	4.38
2002/03	2,749	208	5	2,962	1,615	132	1,045	2,793	169	5.53
2003/04 ³	2,452	169	8	2,629	1,485	129	890	2,505	125	6.85-7.65
Wheat										
2001/02	1,957	876	108	2,941	926	275	962	2,164	777	2.78
2002/03	1,619	777	77	2,473	918	210	854	1,982	491	3.56
2003/04 ³	2,337	491	75	2,903	910	310	1,100	2,320	583	3.20-3.40
Sorghum										
2001/02	515	42	0	556	208	45	253	495	61	1.94
2002/03	370	61	0	431	158	45	203	388	43	2.32
2003/04 ³	400	43	0	443	155	45	200	400	43	2.05-2.45

¹ Marketing year begins: Corn, Sorghum & Soybeans, September 1; Wheat, June 1. ² Primary uses: Corn & Sorghum = Feed; Soybeans = Crushing; Wheat = Food. ³ Projection. Source: USDA's World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates, December 11, 2003.

Nebraska: Leading Commodities for Cash Receipts, 2002

Rank	Items	Value of receipts	Percent of total receipts	Cumulative percent ¹	Percent of U.S. value ²	Value of U.S. receipts
		<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>
	All commodities	9,588,658	100.0		5.0	192,947,507
	Livestock and products	5,824,295	60.7		6.2	93,479,835
	Crops	3,764,363	39.3		3.8	99,467,672
1	Cattle and calves	4,958,569	51.7	51.7	13.1	37,968,464
2	Corn	2,251,625	23.5	75.2	12.9	17,488,834
3	Soybeans	944,488	9.9	85.0	7.0	13,473,213
4	Hogs	584,369	6.1	91.1	6.1	9,625,708
5	Wheat	171,072	1.8	92.9	3.1	5,541,001
6	Dairy Products	141,154	1.5	94.4	0.7	20,546,980
7	Hay	133,022	1.4	95.8	2.9	4,634,726
8	Chicken eggs	84,596	0.9	96.7	2.0	4,262,664
9	Dry Beans	65,615	0.7	97.3	13.2	496,896
10	Potatoes	48,246	0.5	97.9	1.6	3,034,697
11	Sorghum grain	45,889	0.5	98.3	5.1	899,794
12	Sugar beets	28,044	0.3	98.6	2.6	1,099,087
13	Greenhouse/nursery	21,800	0.2	98.9	0.2	14,275,285
14	Sheep and lambs	9,166	0.1	98.9	2.2	422,986
15	Millet, proso	8,483	0.1	99.0	28.6	29,687
16	Broilers	6,210	0.1	99.1	0.1	13,434,783
17	Honey	4,676	0.0	99.1	2.1	221,640
18	Oats	2,189	0.0	99.2	2.2	100,579
19	Barley	450	0.0	99.2	0.1	529,096
20	Wool	183	0.0	99.2	0.8	21,682
21	Farm chickens	18	0.0	99.2	0.1	49,012
	Government payments ³	485,091			4.4	10,961,465
	Net farm income ⁴	980,475			2.8	35,260,773

¹ The cumulative percentage is the sum of the percent of total receipts for each commodity and all preceding commodities. ² Percent State receipts are of U.S. receipts for same line item. ³ Government payments made directly to farmers in cash or Payment-in-Kind. ⁴ Net farm income, a value of production measure, is the farm operator's share of the sector's net value added to the National economy from production activities within a calendar year.

Source: Leading Commodities for Cash Receipts, 2002, Economic Research Service, USDA, August 1, 2003.

Dry Edible Beans: Area Planted, Yield, and Production by State and United States, 2001-2003¹

State	Area Planted			Area Harvested			Yield			Production ²		
	2001	2002	2003	2001	2002	2003	2001	2002	2003	2001	2002	2003
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>			<i>1,000 Acres</i>			<i>Pounds</i>			<i>1,000 Cwt.</i>		
California	88.0	92.0	79.0	85.0	89.0	77.0	1,760	1,980	1,920	1,496	1,762	1,477
Colorado	115.0	92.0	80.0	105.0	70.0	73.0	1,700	2,170	1,600	1,785	1,519	1,168
Idaho	75.0	95.0	80.0	73.0	93.0	78.0	1,950	2,050	2,050	1,424	1,907	1,599
Kansas	15.0	18.0	12.0	14.0	14.5	11.0	1,850	1,100	2,100	259	160	231
Michigan	215.0	270.0	170.0	130.0	265.0	165.0	600	1,850	1,500	780	4,903	2,475
Minnesota	115.0	170.0	115.0	105.0	150.0	110.0	1,500	1,650	1,700	1,575	2,475	1,870
Montana	43.5	26.9	19.0	28.5	23.0	17.0	1,320	1,570	1,680	376	361	286
Nebraska	160.0	185.0	155.0	148.0	165.0	148.0	2,150	2,100	2,130	3,185	3,465	3,151
New Mexico	15.0	8.0	10.0	15.0	8.0	10.0	2,000	1,800	1,860	300	144	186
New York	23.0	25.0	25.0	22.3	24.5	24.0	870	1,360	1,860	194	333	446
North Dakota	440.0	790.0	540.0	400.0	690.0	520.0	1,550	1,540	1,500	6,200	10,626	7,800
Oregon	10.0	9.8	7.0	9.5	9.1	6.0	1,810	1,730	1,650	172	157	99
South Dakota	18.0	21.0	8.0	17.0	16.0	7.5	1,590	1,630	1,770	270	261	133
Texas	30.0	37.5	50.0	26.4	32.5	44.0	1,320	970	1,170	348	315	513
Utah	6.1	1.8	5.6	5.7	0.3	5.2	300	1,670	310	17	5	16
Washington	34.0	41.0	27.5	34.0	41.0	27.5	1,700	2,000	1,910	578	820	525
Wisconsin	6.3	7.1	6.6	6.1	7.0	6.6	1,800	1,960	1,970	110	137	130
Wyoming	27.0	32.0	34.0	24.0	29.0	32.0	2,140	2,150	2,320	514	624	742
United States	1,435.9	1,922.1	1,423.7	1,248.5	1,726.9	1,361.8	1,569	1,736	1,678	19,583	29,974	22,847

¹ Excludes beans grown for garden seed. ² Clean Basis.

Source: USDA NASS Crop Production, December 11, 2003.

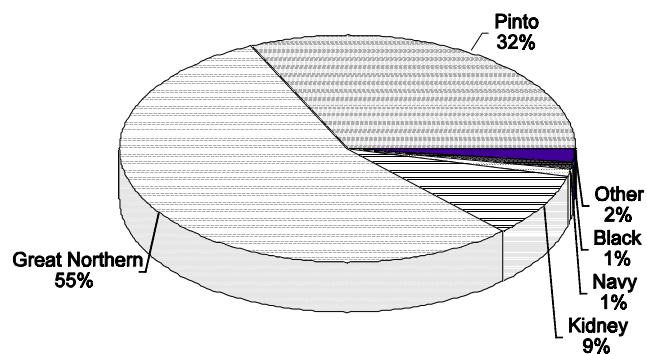
Dry Edible Beans: Area Planted, Harvested, Yield and Production, by Commercial Class, Nebraska, 2000-2002

Class	Area Planted			Area Harvested			Yield ¹			Production ¹		
	2000	2001	2002	2000	2001	2002	2000	2001	2002	2000	2001	2002
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>			<i>1,000 Acres</i>			<i>Pounds</i>			<i>1,000 Cwt.</i>		
Navy		2.9	1.0		2.7	1.0		2,520	2,300		68	23
Great Northern	84.0	77.8	84.2	79.0	67.7	79.1	2,260	1,900	2,200	1,786	1,286	1,743
Pinto	53.5	80.7	50.0	47.5	76.0	48.5	2,210	2,250	2,100	1,050	1,709	1,019
Light Red Kidney	11.5	14.0	14.0	11.0	13.7	13.9	1,900	2,300	2,100	209	315	292
Black	1.1	2.3	1.0	1.0	2.1	1.0	2,200	1,810	2,000	22	38	20
Garbanzo	6.3		2.2	6.0		2.0	800		700	48		14
Other	3.6	7.3	2.6	3.5	2.8	2.5	2,000	1,750	1,600	70	49	40
Total	160.0	185.0	155.0	148.0	165.0	148.0	2,150	2,100	2,130	3,185	3,465	3,151

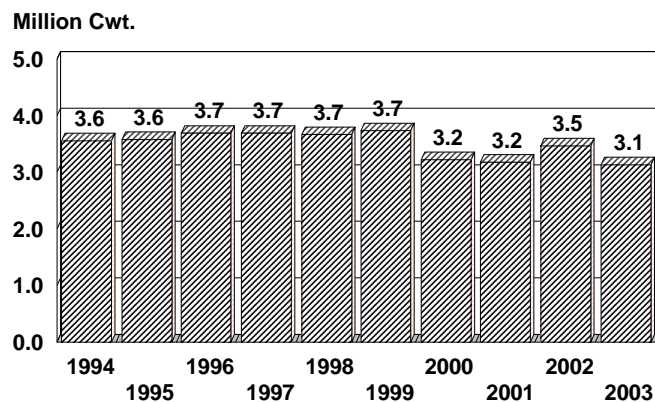
¹ Clean Basis

Source: USDA NASS Crop Production, December 11, 2003.

NEBRASKA -- DRY EDIBLE BEANS, 2003 PRODUCTION BY COMMERCIAL CLASSES



NEBRASKA DRY BEAN PRODUCTION December 1, 2003



Source: USDA Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service

Potato Stocks

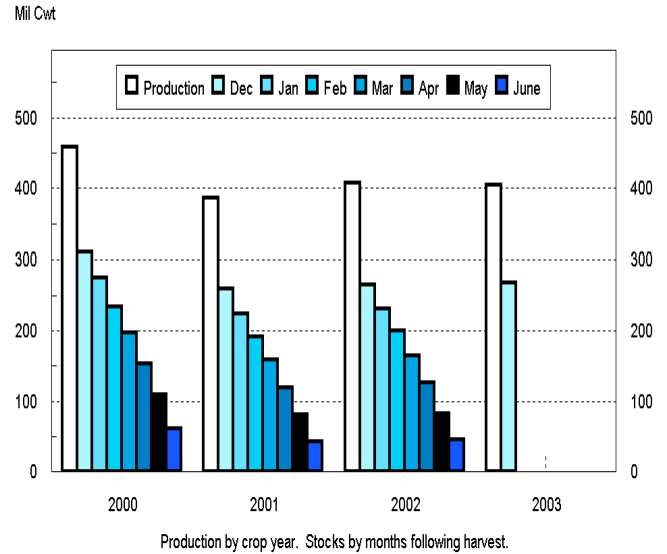
Fall Potatoes: Production and Stocks, 15 Major States, December 1, 2003¹

State	Production	Stocks Dec. 1, 2003
<i>Thousand Cwt.</i>		
California	3,444	2,700
Colorado	23,652	17,800
Idaho	123,180	86,000
Maine	17,030	13,500
Michigan	15,015	8,400
Minnesota	22,330	14,000
Montana	3,392	3,200
Nebraska	9,660	6,700
New York	6,510	3,000
North Dakota	26,880	19,400
Ohio	1,290	260
Oregon	20,991	18,000
Pennsylvania	3,915	2,200
Washington	93,150	51,000
Wisconsin	34,020	21,000
Total 15 States	404,459	267,160

¹ Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant following year's crop. Seed usage for all seasons in 2002 totaled 29.3 million cwt.

Source: USDA NASS Potato Stocks, December 15, 2003.

Fall Potatoes: Production and Stocks 15 Storage States



Milk Cows and Production: By Month, 20 Selected States, 2002-2003¹

Month	Milk Cows ²		Milk per Cow ³		Milk Production ³		
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002
	<i>Thousands</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>
January	7,749	7,807	1,591	1,607	12,327	12,548	102
February	7,744	7,810	1,472	1,484	11,401	11,588	102
March	7,745	7,811	1,654	1,660	12,810	12,969	101
April	7,758	7,798	1,621	1,622	12,575	12,645	101
May	7,769	7,783	1,678	1,668	13,039	12,983	100
June	7,782	7,775	1,587	1,590	12,348	12,366	100
July	7,781	7,765	1,578	1,590	12,281	12,345	101
August	7,785	7,750	1,570	1,563	12,223	12,110	99
September	7,781	7,744	1,497	1,503	11,648	11,643	100
October	7,789	7,720	1,539	1,552	11,991	11,978	100
November	7,792	7,710	1,496	1,509	11,657	11,637	100
December	7,801		1,575		12,290		
Annual	7,773		18,858		146,590		

¹ 2002 revised. ² Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. ³ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

Source: USDA NASS Milk Production, December 17, 2003.